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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David M. Stern, et al.
U.S. Serial No.: 08/905,709 Examiner: E. Lazar-Wesley
Filed : August 5, 1997 Group Art Unit: 1646
For : A METHOD TO PREVENT ACCELERATED
ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING (sRAGE) SOLUBLE RECEPTOR
FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM
THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE
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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2003 finally rejecting pending claims 1-4, 8, 9, 15-18, 36, 37 and 46 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. With a three-month extension of time, the subject application is pending today, i.e. May 12, 2004. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$165.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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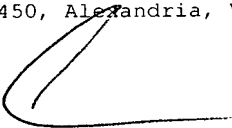
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No fee, other than the enclosed fee of \$165.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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